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state of South Dakota is a signatory to the compact, so the kind of circumstance that General Heng described would be dealt with. The General, in his description of those particular events, had to confess, and I think he only did this because the statute of limitations has long run, that he took some matters into his own hands. He knew that he had an emergency situation that was quite critical. He asked for assistance and cooperation from officials in South Dakota. He didn't know quite what would happen if things went wrong, because there wasn't any advance agreement, there wasn't any structure. Those folks were accommodating his request at some risk to themselves. He was taking some risk because he didn't know what liability the state of Nebraska might be...might have if there was a problem with one of the helicopters. So that was a very real experience for him. It also happened to have been a real experience for me, because I was there also. I...at that time I was there as a volunteer firefighter, and the General said he thought the whole world was burning up. And, if he came from Lincoln and thought the whole world was burning up, can you imagine what we thought in Harrison? But at any rate, Kansas is also another state that is slated to become a signatory to the agreement, at least there's indication that that bill is introduced there. And I hope that LB 83 meets with your approval.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The question before us is the advancement of LB 83 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 83.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 83 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 138 by Senator Schimek and others. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7, at that time referred to the Government Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek.